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In re Application of : Frederick Ekkel
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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 11, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below:

CLAIM AMENDMENTS begin on page 2 of this paper.

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